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Convicted Spy Gave Polish Agent Details Of Stealth, B1 Bombers and F15, CIA Says

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WASHINGTON — Warsaw Pact intelligence agencies have obtained classified details of the U.S. stealth and B1 bombers, the F15 fighter and other major American weapons, the Central Intelligence Agency disclosed.

The CIA, in a report made available at the Pentagon, said a Polish agent was handed secret information on these weapons by William H. Bell, the former Hughes Aircraft Co. engineer convicted of spying last year.

According to the report, called "Soviet Acquisition of Western Technology," Bell gave the agent, Marion Zacharski, more than 20 "highly classified reports on advanced future U.S. weapons systems or their components." The CIA said the information "probably" also made its way to Soviet intelligence.

Although the Bell case was widely publicized, a Pentagon spokesman said the CIA report provides the first government accounting of just how many sensitive U.S. weapons were compromised by the engineer.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who has been campaigning for tighter security in U.S. technology, ordered the report distributed at the Pentagon. The CIA prepared the document at the request of a House science subcommittee chaired by Rep. Albert Gore Jr. (D., Tenn.).

According to the document, Bell handed over information on the "quiet radar system" to be used on both the \$30 billion B1 bomber fleet and the top-secret, radar-evading stealth bombers.

Another highly secret U.S. radar weapon, the "look-down-shoot-down" system that gives the F15 fighter an edge over Soviet ri-

vals, was also compromised by Bell, the report says.

Other weapons whose classified details were passed to the Polish agent, the CIA said, included the Navy's premier air-to-air missile, the Phoenix; the Patriot and Hawk surface-to-air missiles; a submarine sonar system, and radar systems for tanks and ships.

"The information in these documents put in jeopardy existing weapons and advanced future weapons of the U.S. and its allies," the report declared.

Poland and the U.S.S.R. will save "hundreds of millions of dollars" in research costs because they have the U.S. secrets, the CIA asserted, and will be able to develop defenses against the compromised weapons and field copies of them more quickly.

The CIA said the Polish agency paid only \$110,000 for the information, despite its much higher value to the Soviets. Bell, who pleaded guilty in the case, was sentenced to as long as eight years in prison and fined \$10,000. Zacharski drew a life sentence.